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March Milk Production up 4.3 Percent

Utah Milk production totaled 166 million pounds in March 2012, up 7.8 percent from March 2011.

Production per cow averaged 1,825 pounds for March, up 55 pounds from March 2011.

The number of milk cows on farms was 91 thousand head, up 4 thousand head from the previous year.

US Milk production in the 23 major States during March totaled 16.5 billion pounds, up 4.3 percent from March 2011.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,931 pounds for March, 59 pounds above March 2011.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.52 million head, 94,000 head more than March 2011, and 9,000 head more than February 2012.

Milk Cows and Production: By State and United States, Preliminary March 2011-2012

State	Mar Milk Cows ¹		Mar Milk Production ²		Change From 2011
	2011	2012	2011	2012	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	187	194	408	435	6.6
CA	1,760	1,785	3,590	3,811	6.2
CO	125	132	252	270	7.1
ID	576	580	1,083	1,119	3.3
MI	364	375	723	776	7.3
MN	469	465	779	795	2.1
NM	325	336	699	736	5.3
OR	119	123	208	215	3.4
UT	87	91	154	166	7.8
WA	254	263	514	537	4.5
WI	1,266	1,269	2,247	2,341	4.2
23 - State Total	8,425	8,519	15,773	16,452	4.3

¹Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ²Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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